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## ***Shuster Announces Grant to the Newburg-Hopewell Volunteer Fire Company in Cumberland County***

Washington, D.C. – **Congressman Bill Shuster** is pleased to announce that the Newburg-Hopewell Volunteer Fire Company has successfully secured a \$21,261 grant through the Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Fire Fighters Program (AFGP).

The \$21,261 grant will be used to purchase a new thermal imaging camera to help the department's Rapid Intervention Team (RIP Team) do their jobs quickly and effectively. The RIP Team is the department's specialized unit that is tasked with rescuing people who are trapped or unable to be reached in an emergency through normal firefighting methods. The thermal imaging cameras will allow the RIP team to see through smoke and flames to quickly find, identify and save those in need.

"The addition of a thermal imaging camera for the Newburg-Hopewell V.F.D. is great news for the community these firefighters serve," Shuster said. "This equipment will save lives and I congratulate the department on their successful grant application."

"This grant will add a much needed resource to the fire company that is not available today due to cost," said Fire Chief Ed Hoover. "This grant will make our operation safer for our firefighters and the community. We cannot say 'thank you' enough."

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP) awards one-year grants directly to fire departments and rescue personnel to support the nation's first responders and the services they deliver. The Department of Homeland Security's Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness (SLGCP) administers the program, in cooperation with the U.S. Fire Administration.

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